

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 47-49 and 68-77 will be pending in the application. An amendment after final rejection was filed on November 21, 2005. In an Advisory Action mailed December 21, 2005, it was indicated that the proposed amendment was entered but still did not put the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in light of the amendments and arguments herein are respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

By this paper, it is proposed to amend Claim 47 to correct an inconsistency noted during review of the claims. Specifically, in line 10 of claim 47, "verbal call designation indicators" has been amended to recite "verbal call destination indicators," in order to conform this recitation to similar wording in line 6 of claim 47. This amendment is not made for any reason related to patentability but to improve the readability of the claims. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested in order to place the application in condition for allowance or to narrow the issues for appeal.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 47-49 and 68-75 stand rejected under 37 C.F.R. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over International Patent Publication number WO 90/53582 to Miller ("Miller") in view of U.S. patent number 6,744,861 to Pershan, et al. ("Pershan"). Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The present invention does not involve receiving verbal or oral input, as the final rejection appears to suggest. The final rejection makes reference to Miller teaching "a World Wide Web display ... configured to *receive verbal input* from subscriber...." (*emphasis added*) (paragraph 3, page 2) and to Pershan teaching methods ... such as *voice dialing* using AIN techniques" (*emphasis added*) (paragraph 3, page 3). However, claims 47-49 and 68-75 do not recite the receipt of verbal input or voice dialing.

Reconsideration of the final rejection of these claims in light of this fact is respectfully requested.

Amended claim 47 recites

providing to the subscriber a World Wide Web display including data entry slots configured to receive one or more call termination options...

and

receiving from the subscriber, at a web server arranged for data communication with the subscriber, a data transmission containing data defining a spoken name or place to be uttered by a subsequent caller for the subscriber, the spoken name or place being related to the one or more call termination options...

As illustrated in the exemplary embodiment of FIG. 10, the provided World Wide Web display includes data entry slots. These slots are to receive two things: (1) call termination options, and (2) corresponding telephone numbers. As explained at page 22, line 23 – page 23, line 2 of the specification,

The embodiment of FIG. 10 provides a World Wide Web interface where the user can populate the dialed digits and select from pre-recorded voice files that associate the number to a spoken name or place. An example might be associating the text or voice file containing data for “Mom’s Office” and the telephone number (708) 555-3232. The end result, after presentation of a menu of options including this one, would be that the caller presses a number such as one on the key pad after hearing the menu including the choice of “call Mom’s Office.” In one embodiment, the corresponding telephone number is not provided or not accessible to the calling party. Only a text or audible message identifying the menu option is provided to the caller. This maintains a level of privacy that may be desired by some subscribers. (*emphasis added*).

Thus, the claimed method requires receiving data which is NOT spoken verbal input or voice dialing, as the Final Rejection seems to suggest.

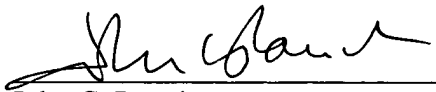
New claims 76 and 77 have been added to claim additional disclosed but previously unclaimed subject matter. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification, including particularly in FIG. 10 and at page 22, line 23 – page 23, line 2 and page 23, line 19 – page 26, line 3 of the specification.

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Accordingly, reconsideration of the pending claims, withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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